

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 95-3051**

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D. JOHNSON WILLIS,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

and

BARBARA BURNEY; JAMES EDWARD RHODES; EARNSTINE  
BROWN,

Plaintiffs,

versus

JONES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

Defendant - Appellee,

and

J. ROBERT JARMAN; LESLIE D. STRAYHORN; NOLAN  
JONES; RIVERS & ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED;  
LARRY MEADOWS; ROBERT L. MATTOCKS; HORACE B.  
PHILLIPS; CHARLES BATTLE, JR.,

Defendants.

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**No. 96-1278**

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BROWN,

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Appeals from the United States District Court for the Eastern Dis-  
trict of North Carolina, at Greenville. Malcolm J. Howard, Dis-  
trict Judge. (CA-94-13-4-H)

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Submitted: June 20, 1996

Decided: July 9, 1996

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Before HALL, WILKINS, and HAMILTON, Circuit Judges.

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Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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D. Johnson Willis, Appellant Pro Se. Mark D. Bardill, Trenton,  
North Carolina, for Appellee.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.  
See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

In No. 95-3051 Appellant appeals a district court order granting the Defendants' motion to continue the trial and pretrial dates to March 11, 1996. Although this appeal was interlocutory when filed, it is now ripe because the district court entered final judgment prior to this Court's review of the appeal. See Equipment Finance Group, Inc. v. Traverse Computer Brokers, 973 F.2d 345, 347 (4th Cir. 1992). In No. 96-1278, Appellant appeals from the district court's order denying relief on his 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (1988) complaint on the basis of res judicata.

We have reviewed the record and the district court's opinion and orders and find no reversible error. Accordingly, we affirm on the reasoning of the district court. Willis v. Jones County, No. CA-94-13-4-H (E.D.N.C. Nov. 24, 1995; Feb. 22, 1996). We deny Appellant's motion for oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

AFFIRMED